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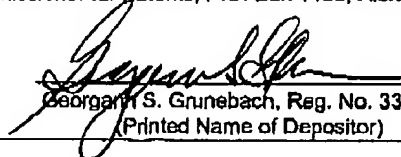
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Re: Serial No. 10/723,617

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Please find attached:

- > Response to Office Action dated December 28, 2004 (12 pages)
- > Transmittal Letter for Amendment (1 page)

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In re Application of: Christopher Stewart, et al. : Date: March 15, 2005  
Serial No. 10/723,617 : Group Art Unit: 2876  
Filed: November 25, 2003 : Examiner: Steve S. Paik  
For: SMART CARD READER :

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR AMENDMENT

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Sir: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☒ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required to respond to the Office Action dated December 28, 2004. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

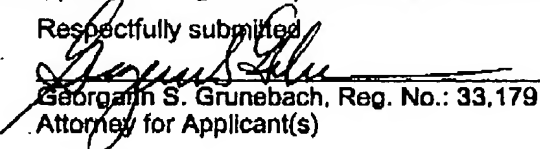
☒ No additional fee for claims is required.

☐ The fee for claims has been calculated as shown below:

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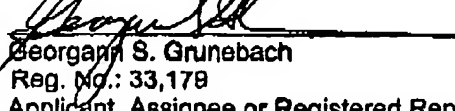
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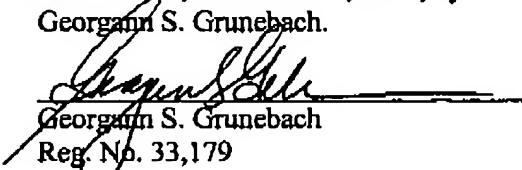
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**AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 28, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 8 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.